

WYCOMBE SCORE 3

LATE GOALS

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE Wanderers, who found Corinthian-Casuals tough opposition at first, scored three goals in the last 20 minutes to finish deserving winners in an Isthmian League game.

Wycombe Wanderers: Syrett; Beck, J. Thomas; D. Thomas, Roystone, Gale; Worley, Pullin, Sammuals, Horseman, Hodges.

Corinthian Casuals: James; Turnbull, Saxby, Moore, Joy, Willett; Clarke, Bradley, Williams, Richardson, Bateson.

Ref.: Mr. R. Pearce (Brentwood).

Wycombe tried another new centre forward Keith Sammuals, 21-year-old former Carshalton player. He was soon in evidence with some determined runs down the centre and once was robbed in the last stride by a flying tackle from Willett.

When the powerfully built Casuals forwards got going, Roystone was prominent with some timely clearances for Wycombe. Play went quickly from end to end despite the treacherous conditions.

A defensive error cost Wycombe a goal after 18 minutes. Goalkeeper Syrett and Roystone both jumped for a high centre from Clarke and when the ball slipped out of Syrett's grasp, BRADLEY was there to shoot it.

Low header

For Wycombe, Pullin deserved better with a daring low header from a Worley centre and goalkeeper James made another smart save from a long range drive by Beck.

It was all Wycombe for a spell and after half-an-hour a brilliant left wing move by Horseman and Hodges ended with HORSEMAN equalising.

Then John Thomas saved Wycombe by heading off the goal-line from Bradley.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 1, Corinthian Casuals 1.

Wycombe escaped early in the second half when centre-forward Williams, through on his own, shot straight at the advancing Syrett.

But with Hodges badly neglected in the first half now adopting a roving commission in the middle, Wycombe had a good deal more of the play. Pullin hit the post with one powerful shot and from the rebound Sammuals sent in a shot which Joy headed out.

FURIOUS ATTACKS

Gale, injured early on, was forced eventually to move on to the left wing but Wycombe kept up a series of furious attacks which were foiled only by some courageous saves from James, injured in one of them.

But there was no denying Wycombe's persistence and in the 70th minute a shot by HODGES was diverted into goal by Moore to give Wycombe the lead.

Wanderers kept up the pressure and another shot by Hodges was deflected outside and then SAMMUALS made sure with a third.

Nine minutes from time HODGES scored a fourth from a rebound after a Beck penalty.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE WANDERERS	4
CORINTHIAN-CASUALS	1